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**COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.312**

Sir:

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance mailed on March 23, 2009 for the above-identified application.

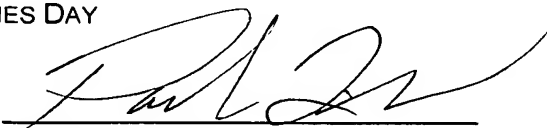
Following submission of the Response to the September 16, 2008 Official Action, Applicant noted an incorrect statement in the remarks section of the Response. On the second page of the remarks, Applicant stated that unlike "the present invention, both Farrow and Couvillion employ ammonium metal salts of strong acids." To clarify, this statement is true of Farrow (which then uses CO<sub>2</sub> to convert to carbonate), but Couvillion used simple impregnation with copper nitrate. The differences between Applicant's method and the method of Couvillion can be found at page 5, lines 1-9 of the specification.

While Applicant does not believe this clarification affects the reasons of allowance for this application, the clarification of the argument should be considered by the Examiner and entered on the record. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues or questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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